

Figure 1

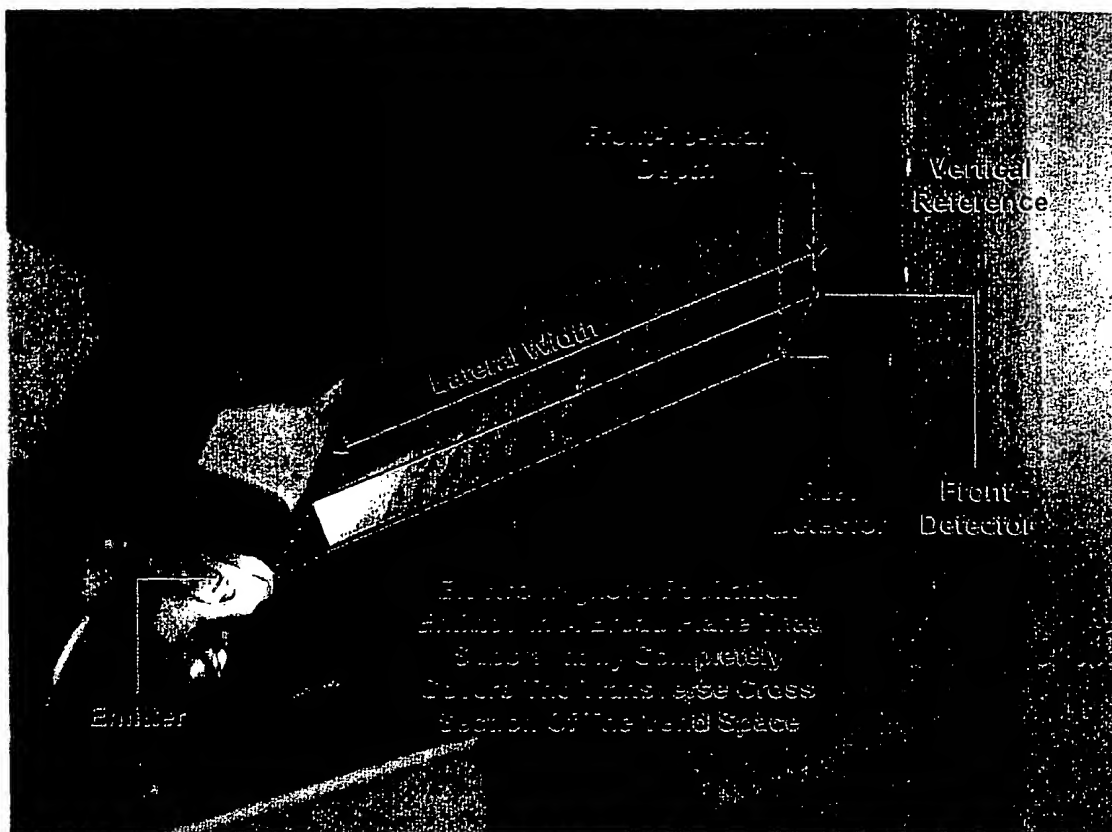


Figure 2

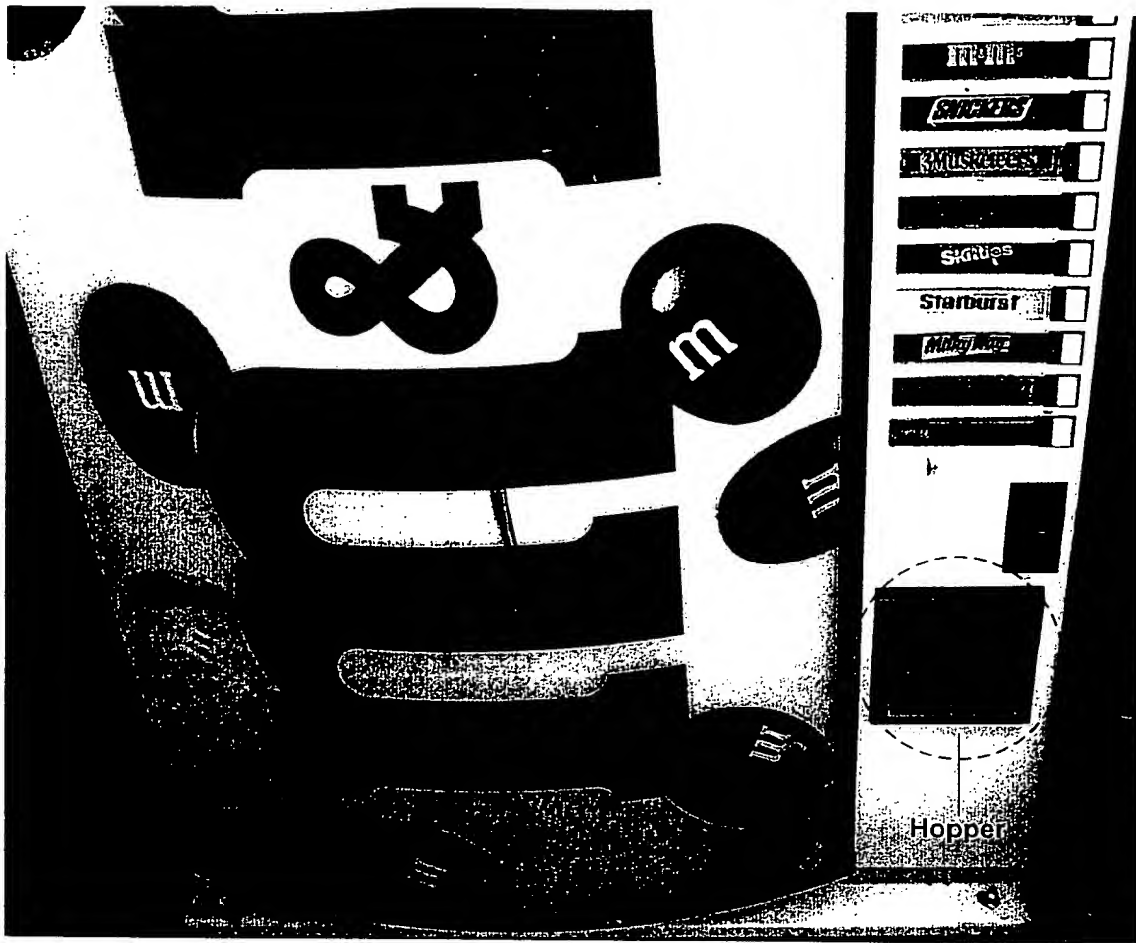


Figure 3

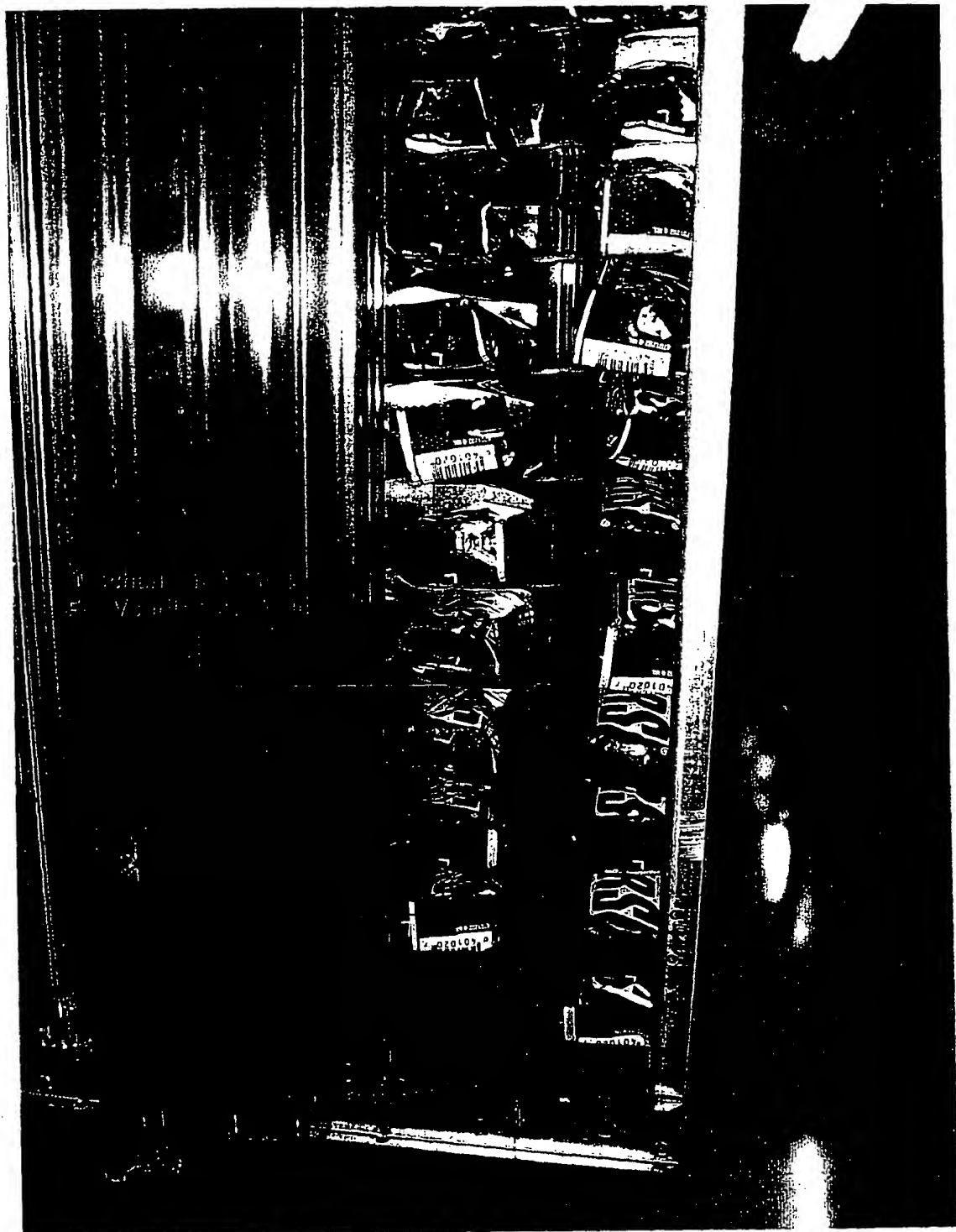


Figure 4



Figure 5

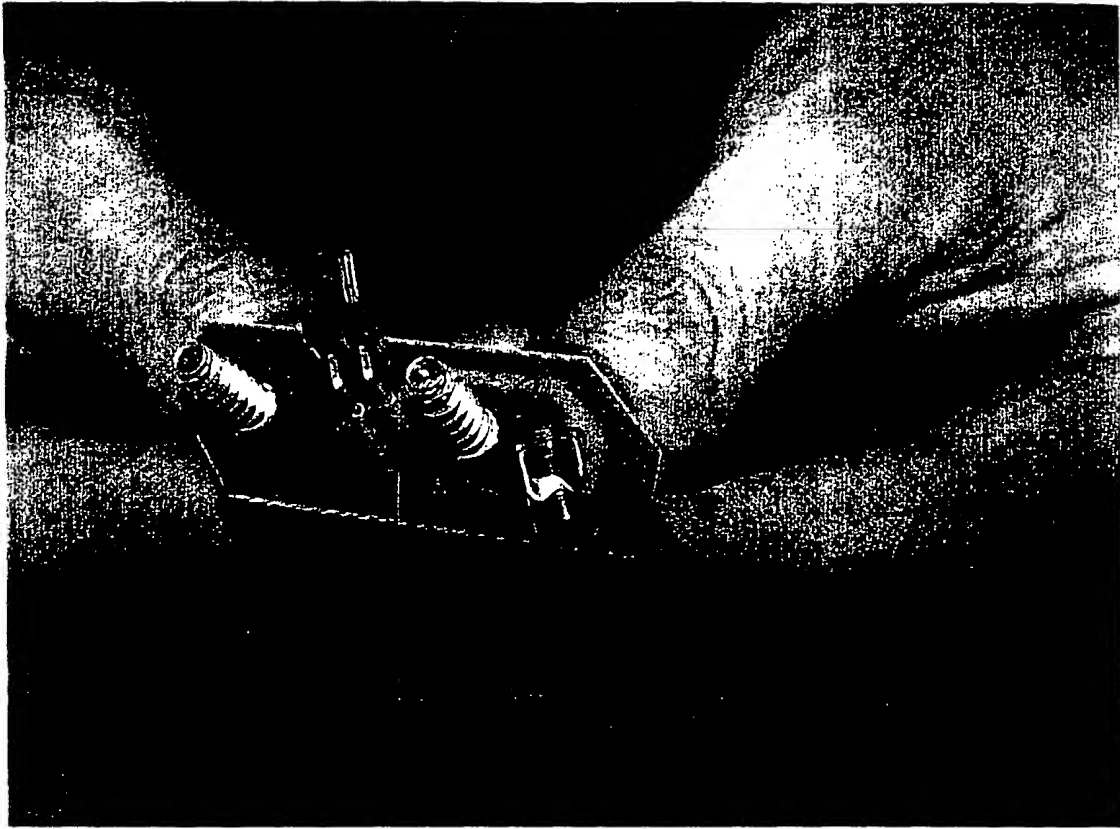


Figure 6

From Figures 1-6, it can be readily verified that the Mars machine exhibits the structural features described in claims 1-6, 23-25, and 37 of the '402 patent.

Specifically, Figure 1 depicts the Mars machine with its front cover opened, revealing a series of metallic columns, which house articles (such as Snickers candy bars) to be vended. Behind each column, a vertically-mounted helix is housed, as shown in Figure 4. A 180° rotation of the helix typically causes one article to be released, at which time, it falls through a vend space and ultimately comes to rest in a hopper (shown in Figure 3).